## The Fatal Chord,

or the Baffling Mystery of the Carnegle Hall Murder.

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If think you know," replied The Singlishman quietly.

The very impassiveness of his tone struck like a chill to Royce's heart.

If do not know why you are here, he blustered, "and I've no wish to know. De me the favor to leave, I've mot you but once in my life, and I've so desire to prolong the acquaintance." You're mistaken, Mr. Ballard, broke to you seems what suddenly, but"—"You're mistaken, Mr. Ballard, broke to greate, "and I've no wish to see you you what suddenly, but"—"You're histaken, Mr. Ballard, broke of lightning. And a man who has died greate, "it was you! You who robbed me, and "broke in Greatham," ith game is up."

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